

OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



An ARRL Special Service Club

May 1991

Next Meeting May 8, 1991

OTVARC Travelers

By Jerry Mohr, N7KUQ

The April campout was another nice weekend for the OTVARC Travelers at Big Eddy Park near Vernonia, OR.

The weather was mostly warm and sunny. The Wagonmasters were Bud (KC7PS) and Sally Butterfield. Those attending were: Jerry & Polly Griffin, Dave (N7DWL) and Marian Funk, Gene and Sally Stickney, Dale (K7TZU) and Betty Planer, Geno (KA7KBH) Buell, Dale (W7BP) La Barron, Roger (KA7RNN) and Marvel (KA7TZZ) Noyes, Jerry (N7KUQ) and Bobbie (KA7DME) Mohr, and Al (WB7SIC) and Mary Berg. Guests at the potluck dinner on Saturday were Floyd (N7ONQ) Wagner and Ron (W7YOW) and Kay Remsen from Vernonia.

Several of us visited Ron Remsen's ham shack which was neatly designed with several old radios still in working condition along with some newer ham gear. Ron's ham shack is located in his two story log home which was professionally built about 10 yrs ago. If you get a chance to see it, its worth the trip to Vernonia.

The next OTVARC Travelers campout will be the weekend of May 17, 18, & 19, 1991 at Chehalis Thousand Trails. Bob (WF7Q) and Jo (KA7MIE) Orr are the Wagonmasters.

To get there take I-5 freeway exit 71. After exiting I-5, go east 0.2 miles to Forest Road. Take Forest Road east 1.6 miles to Jackson Highway. Turn left on Jackson Highway and drive 0.4 miles to North Fork Road. Turn right on North Fork Road and drive 4.1 miles to Alpha-Centralia Road. Turn right on Alpha-Centralia Road and drive 0.6 miles to the Thousand Trails Park located on

the right side of the highway. If you have not already told Jerry Mohr you are coming to this campout, please call Bob or Jo Orr and let them know. Also if you have any questions about the campout please call Bob or Jo Orr at 297-2732. Use 145.67 simplex frequency in the vicinity of the park.

Field Day, 1991

By Jeff Durr, KA7AKU

Make sure your plans are in place for Field Day, scheduled this year for June 21, 22 and 23.

OTVARC will be setting up at Banks High School, in Banks, Oregon.

Call sign for this years event will be WX7E, loaned to us by Emerson Hoyt.

The OTVARC trailer will be on site, as well as a novice station. Parking for RV's is available, so come on out and plan on spending the night.

May Meeting

Northwest Scanning Newsletter

Bob Gary of the newsletter will be our speaker. The newsletter is published in Vancouver Washington for the scanner hobbyist. He will also bring some of the latest technology.

June Meeting

We will have the use of an overhead projector and screen and will show several short videos, plus more.

The OTVARC Club 2 Meter Repeater is on 146.900 (-600)

A Ham Radio Saga

By Alan Roehl, K07B

With Field Day rapidly approaching, I decided it might be interesting to share a recent experience resulting from a Field Day contact.

Two years ago, OTVARC used my call sign for the club Field Day operations. Field Day contacts do not ordinarily result in a vast exchange of QSL cards, but there are occasionally a few stations seeking WAS or other awards who desire to exchange cards. One station which requested a QSL from me as a result of the OTVARC Field Day operations was WB2JKJ.

Some of you may have seen magazine articles about WB2JKJ, but I had not seen any at the time I received the QSL request. Some information about the WB2JKJ operation was included with the QSL request. The holder of the call sign, Joe Fairclough, is a junior high school teacher. The QTH of his station is his classroom in the lower east side of New York City (or as the QSL card says: "at the core of the Big Apple").



During February of this year I attended a work related conference in New York City. Although I didn't have a lot of spare time, I purposed to try and visit the "22 Crew" (named after the school, Junior High School "22") while I was there. I wrote them a short note a couple of weeks prior to my visit and asked directions on how to find the school. They responded with a note saying that they would roll out the red carpet for me.

The public transit system in New York is quite good and so I took a bus to get to the school from my hotel. When I arrived at the school, I had to pass two guard stations just to enter the

school. The school appears to be in poor physical condition (much worse than any school I have seen in the Portland area).

After finding my way to Joe's classroom, I was given the warmest of welcomes by him and his students, the "22 Crew". Although almost none of the "22 Crew" could afford to purchase ham radio gear, many of them are learning about the hobby and obtaining their licenses. The setup Joe has provided in his classroom allows them to get on the air daily. They operate on a frequency of 21.395 MHz from 6 AM to noon (Pacific Time). I observed a young ham radio enthusiast named Millie make several QSO's while I was there (as seen in the photo).

The class had many questions for me. They wanted to know where I was from, so I showed them Oregon on the map and I told them a little bit about the Portland area. Seeing young persons who do not enjoy many of the things we take for granted using ham radio to expand their horizons was an extremely rewarding experience for me. Before I had to leave, the "22 Crew" gave me a T-shirt (as seen in the photo which includes Joe and some of the "22 Crew").

So be sure and plan to join the Field Day activities this year. I feel that I struck gold as a result of a Field Day contact two years ago and hope that others will also be similarly rewarded.

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FCC Investigates Scanner Limitations

In a surprise move, the Federal Communications Commission has opened a formal inquiry into the feasibility of banning scanner manufacturers from selling scanners that can receive police, medical emergency, and fire frequencies. Citing interference in official public safety operations by scanner wielding members of the public, all five FCC commissioners have unanimously approved proposals that would make it illegal to monitor any frequencies which contain public safety transmissions.

In the notice of proposed rulemaking, the FCC has required scanner manufacturers to show due cause why they could not manufacture receivers that would eliminate all public safety frequency allocations. Many manufacturers are expected to state that the costs of modifying existing radio designs would be prohibitively expensive to the consumer.

The FCC noted that state and local laws which already ban mobile scanner monitoring are just the first step aimed at protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens as well as public safety officials. The Bush Administration has indicated it would support the introduction of new laws making it a federal offense for any citizen to monitor public safety frequencies unless they hold a special license certifying their need to monitor such frequencies. The new law could be a part of the Bush Administration anti-crime package to be introduced during this session of Congress.

Analysts say the move has been brought about because of high publicity cases of illicit drug operations employing fulltime staffs to monitor law enforcement frequencies to give them advance warning of impending police action.

Any legislation is likely to be introduced and supported primarily by the Republican party. Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) and Albert Gore, Jr. (D-TN) have asked the FCC for clarification of its proposed rulemaking. Both are concerned about possible first amendment violations of citizens prevented from monitoring publicly funded transmissions.

Gore added that such restrictive laws are counter productive, noting that many Neighborhood Watch programs based in his home state of Tennessee utilize inexpensive scanner radios to monitor neighborhood police activity.

Manufacturers are required to respond by June 7th. The FCC is expected to make a quick decision on the matter in time to work with Congress to introduce the necessary legislation during the summer.

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Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. following a buffet dinner served at 6:15 P.M.

Upcoming Events

May 8	OTVARC General Meeting Beaverton Elks Club, 7 P.M.
May 17, 18	OTVARC Travelers Campout Chehalis 1000 Trails, WA
May 28	Project Night
June 1, 2	SEAPAC Convention Seaside, Oregon
June 21, 22, 23	Field Day, Banks High School Banks, Oregon
July 13, 14	State Games Of Oregon
July 19, 20	OTVARC Travelers Campout Skamokawa Park, WA
August 16, 17	OTVARC Travelers Campout Beaver Bay, WA
August 23, 24	Hood To Coast Relay
September 20, 21	OTVARC Travelers Campout Silver Falls State Park, OR
September 24	Project Night
October 18, 19	OTVARC Travelers Campout Pacific City 1000 Trails, OR
October 29	Project Night
November 15, 16	OTVARC Travelers Campout Depoe Bay Holiday RV Park
November 26	Project Night



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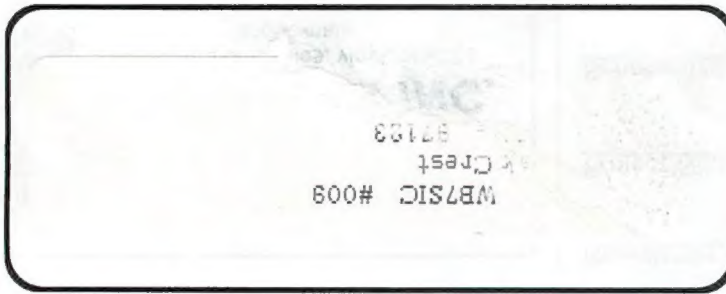
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